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COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING ON DRAFT UN CONVENTION AGAINST
TORTURE, JUNE 27-28 IN STRASBOURG.

REF: STRASBOURG 129

1. TEXT OF LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM HERIBERT GOLSONG,
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS, COUNCIL OF EUROPE:

BEGIN TEXT:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HAS DECIDED TO CONVENE A TWO-DAY MEETING
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES TO EXCHANGE
VIEWS ON THE DRAFT CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL,
INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT SUBMITTED BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN TO THE 34TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (REFERENCE: UN DOC. E/CN. 4/1285).
THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS HAD THOUGHT IT USEFUL THAT IN ADDI-
TION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL
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OF EUROPE, OBSERVERS FROM STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF
EUROPE BUT BELONGING TO THE WESTERN EUROPE AND OTHERS GROUP
IN THE UNITED NATIONS BE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

I AM EXTENDING THEREFORE AN INVITATION TO YOUR GOVERNMENT TO
SEND AN OBSERVER TO THIS MEETING, THE DRAFT AGENDA OF WHICH IS
ENCLOSED HEREWITH. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD LET ME

KNOW THE NAME AND FUNCTION OF THE PERSON WHO WILL TAKE PART AS
OBSERVER FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THIS MEETING. WE WILL THEN
SEND THE WORKING PAPERS FOR THE MEETING DIRECTLY TO HIM.

YOURS SINCERELY,

FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL

SIGNED: H. GOLSONG
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS

END TEXT.

2. TEXT OF DRAFT AGENDA FOR JUNE 27-28 MEETING OF THE AD HOC
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE DRAFT CONVENTION
AGAINST TORTURE.

BEGIN TEXT:

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

II. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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IV. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE DRAFT CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE
AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT
SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN TO THE 34TH SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

WORKING DOCUMENTS:

- INTRODUCTORY NOTE PREPARED BY THE DIRECTORATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS
- DRAFT CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR
DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
SWEDEN TO THE 34TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS
- INFORMATION DOCUMENTS CONTAINING:
 - A) EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE 34TH SESSION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
 - B) DRAFT BODY OF PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PERSONS
UNDER ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT PREPARED BY THE SUB-
COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF

MINORITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

C) DRAFT CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF TORTURE
SUBMITTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PENAL LAW TO THE
34TH SESSION OF UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

END TEXT.

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